







## ADDITIONAL ART NOTES FOR JUNE.

The trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria have informed the members of the Victorian Art Society that they will not be permitted to hold any future exhibitions in the gallery. This brings up a subject in which we in New South Wales have a more direct interest. What do our trustees intend doing regarding future Anglo-Australian exhibitions of the same proposed by Mr. Ingram be completed, and the guarantees be forthcoming? The trustees permitted the gallery to be used for the exhibition of the loan pictures from the Melbourne Exhibition as the trustees of the Melbourne Gallery permitted the Groveson collection to be exhibited in that institution. A precedent has been established in both cases, and in both cases the national galleries have been used as salerooms. In the case of New South Wales our gallery has been used for the purpose of an Art Union—please, Mr. Ingram preferred to call it. The question is, and it is a serious one, should the National Gallery be set apart for the use of either foreign or local art to exhibit their wares for sale. The trustees of the Victorian Society have offered to hand the proceeds from admission fees over and above expenses to the trustees of the gallery, such proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of pictures from the collection sent out by the members of the Anglo-Australian Society. Looking at the matter fairly, it is impossible to see how the precedent can be supported. The exhibition, to begin with, has not been a success financially, but if it were it does not seem a dignified or becoming thing for the trustees to accept money from the society. The principle is bad. No national gallery in the world is used for such a purpose. The concession granted in this case opens up the door to other trustees of the Anglo-Australian Society to do the same thing. What has been done this year? It is to be hoped not. The society should send its pictures out on exactly the same terms as artists send their work to a London picture dealer—as the pictures are sent out that are at Frascati's rooms at present.

The friends of F. W. Schell will be glad to learn that his return to America has been marked by a profitable recognition of his talent. While in London he received overtures, through W. E. Abbey, the artist, from Brereton Brothers, of New York, to become art editor to their house. This offer Mr. Schell has accepted, and he writes to the president of the Art Society from his editorial chair. The position is a responsible one, and one of a high quality of artistic judgment, which Mr. Schell unfeignedly possesses. His work here for the "Picturesque Asia" was refined, honest, and full of merit; and there are many who remember his black-and-white escape sketches and water colours in the Art Society's exhibitions. Mr. Schell is better known, however, in America than here, and the assumption of his new dignity will be regarded as a fitting turn to the career of an artist who has in his work elements of power and grace. Mr. Smalley, also a member of the New South Wales Art Society, who came out here two years ago to do work for the "Picturesque Asia" and remained a year, is in Paris, where he has been since 1887, doing work for the Harper Brothers, painting scenes from the "Iliad" and "Odyssey." Mr. Smalley is distinctly a man of poetic faculty, clever in design, and delicate as well as firm in touch, and he is sure to command an honoured place among the acknowledged artists of the time. Mr. F. Allen also, who was engaged here on the same publication, is in New York, fitting himself into old pictures, and doing excellent work.

There has been a good deal written and spoken of late about the architecture of Sydney, and over and over there comes up the resurrection subject of the Post Office carvings; but the tendency is towards harsh criticism; we do not hear much of the good things done. It is a pleasure, therefore, to have the opportunity of praising so admirable an example of impressive yet modest architecture. The Post Office, in Pitt and Hunter streets, is not many stories high, but it is all the better for that; it does not overpower the street, and there is not so much perspective required to take in its proportions. Perhaps no building in the business portion of the city shows to better yet more unostentatious advantage. It is plain brown and solid, rich in effect, and quiet to the eye. The tower on the corner, robust and well-designed, and in pleasant contrast to such peculiar structures as the Post Office tower. There is nothing more important in the development of our city than the architecture of its buildings, and there is nothing that should be confined to the past, but that should have a place in the future. If the houses of commerce, we should have a that would grow out of proportion to time or space. At the same time it must be admitted that we have a large number of splendid buildings, and many of them are business-houses and banking institutions. The Government have not, as it would be expected, any pull over the private institutions in the matter of architecture, for though we have a fine, impressive building, what shall be said of the Art Gallery, the Houses of Parliament, or the Law Courts? all of which are a disgrace to any country that was not sinking into oblivion among the nations. That is to say, all the buildings at Port Arthur, in Tasmania, to make way for things new and progressive, why should not Tasmania in this sleepy Tasmanian? We have the men and we have the money too; both might be profitably employed in setting alongside our neighbours in matters such as these. Sir Henry Parkes has a vision of a fine art gallery "all in a Corinthian way" to be erected on the site of the old Garden Palace. Why does he dream on and on, and why do all his beautiful dreams end in dreams? That structure called the National Gallery—why like a peripatetic advertising agent or a Darlington raving rink—should give place for a better. Up, Guards, and at them!

On Wednesday evening last the Art Society Sketch Club had their monthly meeting "in quite a friendly way," but a few members of the Art Society joined the circle of fame and endeavour, and an outsider also found admission to the little room of antique casts and drawings which lead to the suggestion that this was a place for aspiring students. So it proved to be. In this room some of the art classes under Mr. Dapny's tutorage. But that shall be spoken of further on. There were eight or ten artisit present, and through the clouds of tobacco smoke there proceeded frank, pithy, and sometimes very humorous criticism upon the sketches that had been prepared for that evening. The subject was the line. "Break, break, break, on thy cold, grey stones." A sketch might be expected, all the sketches were not painted on the cold grey stones of the sea. In fact, there were only two that touched that interpretation of the subject. One was an oil that was a study of a cool and quiet nook, where an inlet crept in and washed stones that never saw the sun. Three of the sketches were of a different nature. Two of them, more or less alike in treatment, represented an old-stone-breaker on the King's highway, attacking a pile of blue-metal. "Break, break, break." The most striking as well as the most original of the sketches was Mr. Mabon's, representing a grand smash of eggs, the broken shells and the yolk, in the midst of the devastation on the cold greystones outside what ought to be a nest of life. It was not that the head of the President of the Art Society with a nimbus round his head, was observed upon the sign-board. It can then be seen that the artists fight on bravely on this unromantic soil, keeping up an *esprit de corps* as we do *esprit* and making a grand and patriotic appearance generally. The next thing to come in that direction is the annual dinner, when wits goes round the board that is usually the case at big feasts. Artists have more of wit and literary talent as a result than literary men have knowledge of art or art nomenclature.

Among some of the rare spirits of the New South Wales Art Society we must speak by the card.

## THE CHARGES AGAINST THE HON. JOHN DAVIES, M.L.C.

It is fitting here to make some remarks upon the art classes in connection with the Art Society. People generally are not aware—very few are, in fact—how steadily the work of art education is going on in spite of want of general sympathy. Thanks to the slight financial aid that the Government is giving things are brightening up somewhat, and there are better prospects for these art classes. The art classes in connection with the Art Society were established in the year 1884, to enable members of the society to pursue the studies appertaining to their profession. The trustees permitted the gallery to be used for the exhibition of the loan pictures from the Melbourne Exhibition as the trustees of the Melbourne Gallery permitted the Groveson collection to be exhibited in that institution. A precedent has been established in both cases, and in both cases the national galleries have been used as salerooms.

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## TRADE MARK LEGISLATION REQUIRED.

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir—I am the author of a note in your columns bringing under notice some of the defects in the existing Trade Marks Act. Taking the first clause of the Trade Marks Act of 1885, which describes the expression "trade mark" to be most comprehensive, covering all that is wanted, it is to be noted that what has been done this year? It is to be hoped not. The society should send its pictures out on exactly the same terms as artists send their work to a London picture dealer—as the pictures are sent out that are at Frascati's rooms at present.

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In the Charge Division of the Water Police Court yesterday the Hon. John Davies, C.M.G., M.L.C., appeared before Mr. A. M. Fisher, S.M., to answer a summons charging him with having embezzled £1,200,000 for the sum of money, viz., £2,000,000, £1,200,000, £1,200,000, £1,200,000, which he received and fraudulently appropriated during the time he acted as chairman to the Casual Labour Board.

Mr. H. E. Cohen appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Government.

Mr. J. H. Want, Q.C., and B. R. Wise (instructed by Mr. R. Brundell Smith) appeared for the defence.

Mr. Davies occupied a seat at the solicitors' table. There was a large attendance of the general public, who appeared to take considerable interest in the proceedings.

Mr. Cohen opened the case, stating that the original constitution of the Casual Labour Board was enlarged, a year or two later the scheme was enlarged, and all those desirous of acquiring an art education were invited to become students. An instructor was engaged, and three classes were established, namely, a class for the study of drawing from plaster casts of the antiquities of the British Museum, another for the study of the living model, and a class for the study of painting oil from still life and the living model. These three classes embrace all that is necessary to a thorough artistic education, and though there were no fees, and the proceeds to the city, inasmuch as a knowledge of the drawing is necessary in mechanical occupations, this is the only one which seems to fulfil the purpose of giving a thorough artistic training to those desirous of becoming artists. The students, apart from those who devote themselves entirely to the study of art, are mostly engaged in artistic occupations, such as decorators, lithographers, draughtsmen, modellers, &c., and it will at once be seen that a course of instruction such as that obtainable in the Art Society's classes is calculated to develop the artistic faculties and raise the standard of taste of workers in these trades, and through them of the public.

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During witness or conducting his case, when the Board entered the office in Hyde Park there was no place where money could be locked up or placed in safety; that state of affairs existed for a few days, when the Board had to deal with about £100 worth of cash. Through his hands, the Board had to deal with about £800 worth in all; the whole of the payment and the amount of money paid out through his hands was £100,000 worth of cash. It is known that on the 23rd January, 1889, the affairs of the Board were transferred from the members to Messrs. Miles and Mason; knew that on the 24th January, 1889, Mr. Davies demanded on behalf of the Board £100,000 worth of cash, and £100,000 worth of the second and expenditure of the Casual Labour Board.

Mr. Want had read Mr. Davies' letter in which he demanded an inquiry; believed defendant had made two demands for inquiry into the working of the board.

Mr. Cohen: Accounts for supplies and rations might have been paid by cheque; there was some confusion at the office in Pitt-street; men would put their names on the bills, and then the bills would be sent, and that the confusion he had made would prevent a man from taking proper care of his papers; the premises in Goulburn-street were better than those in Pitt-street.

Mr. Davies: The charge was that he was being employed in the public service, steady any property or any part thereof, entitled to or not, taken into his custody by virtue of service, or by his control, shall be liable to penal servitude for 10 years; whenever, being employed as last before, or immediately afterwards, any property, or any part thereof, shall be taken into his custody by virtue of his control, or be brought into his custody, or be left in his custody, shall be liable to penal servitude for 10 years; whenever, being employed as last before, or immediately afterwards, any property, or any part thereof, shall be taken into his custody by virtue of his control, or be brought into his custody, or be left in his custody, shall be liable to penal servitude for 10 years; whenever, being employed as last before, or immediately afterwards, any property, or any part thereof, shall be taken into his custody by virtue of his control, or be brought into his custody, or be left in his custody, shall be liable to penal servitude for 10 years; 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with a case as trivial, and settle it in any way he thinks proper. Mr. Lee exercised this discretion, and both Mr. SALOMON and Sir WILLIAM MANNING say that he exercised it rightly. There is, besides, judicial authority for the course which was taken. Mr. SALOMON quoted a case in which a man left New Zealand and came to New South Wales without complying with an order for the maintenance of his wife and children. The magistrate made an order for his return, but on appeal to the Supreme Court two of the learned Judges held that the disobedience to the order might be treated as being within the term "trivial offence"—not the desertion of the man's wife and children, but his disobedience to the order for the payment of the money. The third Judge thought otherwise, but the Court made an order that on the defendant's entering into a bond to pay the money to the Crown, the Sydney classes number 200 students, who are working very hard. The Commissioners are now making arrangements to establish classes in Newcastle. The instruction is free to all railway employees.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. A. M. Fisher, S.M., the Hon. Mr. Davie, C.M.G., appeared in answer to a summons charging him with the emblematical of certain orders for three sums of money, viz., £26 17s. 7d., £23 5s. 2d., and £52 5s. 1d., which it is alleged he received and fraudulently appropriated during the time he acted as chairman of the Casual Labour Board. Mr. H. E. Cohen represented on behalf of the Government. Messrs. J. H. Ward and B. B. Wise (instructed by Mr. Brett Smith) appeared for the defendant. Several witnesses for the prosecution were examined after which the case was adjourned until this morning. A number of people assembled in the court-room during the day, and appeared to take considerable interest in the proceedings.

A SUPPLEMENT to the *Government Gazette* contains a list of letters received from the branch and sub-branch offices now lying at the General Post Office.

We learn by telegram from Albany that Professor Bunting of the Mining Department, Mason College, Birmingham, is a passenger by the *Queensland*. He is coming to this colony on important mining business.

The Mayor of Sydney (Mr. John Harris) has

called to Messrs. Hill and Sons, the builders of the great organ for the Centennial Hall, to forward the instrument by steamer. It was the original intention of the contractors to ship the organ by sailing vessel, but as it is the Mayor's desire to have it delivered in November or thereabouts, this altered arrangement has been made. Captain Jenkins of the Marine Board, it may be mentioned, has kindly volunteered to superintend the unloading.

Very autocratic, he exercised a real despotism over his accomplices. The mother of one of these went to him one day to reclaim her son. Debunyug listened to her quietly, and then, pointing his revolver at her, said: "Madame, let me see no more of you, or this will do for you." On Saturday last the Debunyug hand plundered the shop of a chocolatier in the Rue de Falibus, and of a gunsmith in the Passage de la Mar. From the establishment of the latter they carried off some 60 fire-arms, several kilos of powder, and more than 500 cartridges. On the following day Debunyug informed that he had been wounded in the hand, and was committed in a sand quarry. He proceeded to the spot (individually) and found insensible, in a pool of blood, a young man 16 years of age. This was Francis Huguenau, who resides with his relations at Belleville. Debunyug's Lieutenant had been shot in the back of the head, and he was conveyed to the Tenon Hospital. On the following day he had recovered the use of his voice, but to the astonishment of everybody he refused to give the least information respecting the circumstances under which he had been wounded. The Commissioner of Police has, however, succeeded in ascertaining the particulars, which are among the most extraordinary known. It appears that on Sunday morning Debunyug, who hated Huguenau, sought a quarrel with him. "I am one of us one many," said Debunyug, "if you agree, I propose we fight a duel in the American style. Let us go into a quarry that I know at Lila, and each one of us will try to kill the other the best way we can." Huguenau accepted the challenge, and the whole band repaired to the quarry referred to. There for more than two hours the two combatants, concealing themselves in the holes, and taking cover in the recesses of the rock, discharged their revolvers at each other in a most gory and injurious fashion. Night was coming on, and it was reported that the combat had terminated when suddenly Debunyug, springing behind Huguenau, fired a last shot from the revolver into his head. The lieutenant fell, face downwards, and the young bandits took to their heels. The police have the descriptions and names of them all, but at present have only arrested the two receivers of the band.

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## NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]  
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

## THE PHIL. ROBINSON DIVORCE SUIT.

LONDON, Wednesday, May 31.

The trial of Mrs. Phil. Robinson's petition for divorce was resumed before Mr. Justice Butt on May 28. Mrs. Sarah Eliza Robinson, the petitioner, appeared in person, and had not counsel or solicitor. She said she was married in 1876. Her husband was a war correspondent and lesser writer, and for several years was connected with the *Daily Telegraph*. There were two children as issue of the marriage. She alleged he left her in 1883, at Eastbourne, with a dying child. She also stated that he locked her up in an asylum, and gave her morphine, which caused the brain to be in a very excited state. His Lordship pointed out, after the evidence of one witness, who said he had been married in 1876, that the police were not in sufficient force to keep the ground, and the Howard Vincent Volunteer Corps arrived too late. The crowd swarmed all over the ground, and a host of the nobility and not a few nobility were unable to reach the Horse Guards building. Among them was the Duke of Cambridge, who came in contact with a reporter of a Sunday paper named G. E. Simms. Simms, in information, stated he was carried by a rush towards the place where the Duke was standing, and when two yards away the Duke, whom complainant did not know at the time, walked to him, seized him by the collar, and severely shook him. Complainant remonstrated, when an inspector of Police arrested him, and charged him with being drunk, but was released on bail. On the 29th, he obtained information from a witness, of whom was builder, but he, in spite of this Mr. Bridge, the magistrate, refused to grant a summons on the ground that the Duke merely acted for his own protection, and that no mid-manner had been committed. Simms announced his intention of applying for a writ of habeas corpus. Mr. Bridge stated in his opinion it would be idle to do so.

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## THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE ASSAULT CASE.

At Bow-street an application has been made for a summons against the Duke of Cambridge by a reporter, who has charged the Duke with assaulting him at the Horse Guards parade ground on Saturday, during a review of the fire brigade by the Prince of Wales. On this occasion a huge crowd of about 60,000 persons assembled to witness the Prince of Wales' decorative review. The Duke and his party of fire engines, which was in full. Owing to the number of the police were not in sufficient force to keep the ground, and the Howard Vincent Volunteer Corps arrived too late. The crowd swarmed all over the ground, and a host of the nobility and not a few nobility were unable to reach the Horse Guards building. Among them was the Duke of Cambridge, who came in contact with a reporter of a Sunday paper named G. E. Simms. Simms, in information, stated he was carried by a rush towards the place where the Duke was standing, and when two yards away the Duke, whom complainant did not know at the time, walked to him, seized him by the collar, and severely shook him. Complainant remonstrated, when an inspector of Police arrested him, and charged him with being drunk, but was released on bail. On the 29th, he obtained information from a witness, of whom was builder, but he, in spite of this Mr. Bridge, the magistrate, refused to grant a summons on the ground that the Duke merely acted for his own protection, and that no mid-manner had been committed. Simms announced his intention of applying for a writ of habeas corpus. Mr. Bridge stated in his opinion it would be idle to do so.

## A SCENE IN THE WENTWORTH POLICE COURT.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]  
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

## WENTWORTH, MONDAY.

At the Police-court to-day three men were prosecuted by the police for having illegally felled timber on Crown lands. The man, it was alleged, was employed by the timber company at the waterworks, which is situated to the embankment at the waterworks, which it is feared will be much damaged as the river continues to rise.

Alderman Christie, one of the members of the works committee, attended the court, and on asking a witness, a timberman, what he could do to prevent the timber company from felling timber, he replied that he could do nothing.

Mr. Holding, then directed Alderman Christie to leave the court. Alderman Christie refused. Three policemen then seized Alderman Christie and carried him out.

## THE LINWOOD COLLIERY.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]  
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

## NEWCASTLE, MONDAY.

It is reported that a slight crop occurred in the Linwood Colliery this morning. The miners are unemployed in the adjoining coalfield, and the miners are in a bad way.

The manager at the Linwood Colliery was the chairman of directors to the effect that Mr. M. Kenzie, Examiner of Coalfields, would check the men from the adjoining coalfield.

Mr. Kenzie, however, has not yet been able to ascertain the cause of the strike, and he added that the only language he ever used with regard to Mr. Holding or the Court was that which had formed the subject of a trial for criminal libel.

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## PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

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## DUBBO, MONDAY.

Farmers' pursuits are much impeded by the continuous rain. Although there have been three frost, tomatoe, corn, and pumpkins are still growing. For

the last two weeks, existing on shellfish, small crabs, and cockroaches. During the last few days they caught a few birds (frogs) and ate them raw, as they had no means of lighting a fire. Some little rain and like the continuous rain were still falling, and when they had no means of lighting a fire, they had to sleep in the open air.

The rain record for the past month shows that 291 falls in 18 days. The weather is still dull and cold.

## GILGANDRA, MONDAY.

James Campbell, who was brought before the local bench on a charge of stealing a half-ton from the Colliery at Gilgandra last night, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to four months' hard labour in Dubbo Gaol.

Several fruits have set in, and have seriously retarded the growth of crops.

## GOULBURN, MONDAY.

Messrs. Ross and Kincaid, inspectors, who have retired from the Railway service, were entertained at a banquet on Saturday night, by the men of the department.

There was a light fall of snow last night. A few steady showers occurred this morning.

## GRAFTON, MONDAY.

A barn containing about a half of unbroken maize, which was obtained by means of false pretences, was discovered to be on fire at midnight on Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Donnan, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, was also charged with having forged the name of William Morris to a cheque for £200 on the Bank of New South Wales, George-street, on Saturday.

He was remanded to the magistrate, and he was discharged on a sum of £100.

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